

On the Path



The Newsletter of the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community

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What have you done for me lately?



As I sat down to begin writing this note about sponsorship, I saw a picture in my head of Whoopi Goldberg as Sister Mary Clarence (Sister Act) singing "What have you done for me lately?" I tried and tried to make words that would fit but the best I could do was "Have you sponsored one lately?" But really, have you?

The minute I "Walked to Emmaus", I made a list of those who I thought would benefit from this phenomenal experience. I was sure I knew who I would send but as I grew in my own walk with God, I learned that my plans were not always His plans – and I have learned to ask and (this part is hard for me) to listen. Oh, I still have my list but once again God has spoken. Has he spoken to you? Have you asked who He would have you sponsor this fall?

I know our lives are busy... I know our wallets are stretched... I know that sponsorship is a big responsibility.... Remember, the goal of the Walk to Emmaus is to strengthen disciples for ministry within the church. Will you do your part?

You can start my prayerfully seeking God's direction. Do you treasure your Emmaus experience? Wouldn't you like others to have it, too? They can't do it on their own. Someone must sponsor them. If you can't take on the whole responsibility, seek out another member of the community and co-sponsor. Some of us have money and no time, others have time and no

See Sponsor on page 7

New Board of Directors Elected

See page 4 for a complete listing of our new leadership team.
See page 5 for committee assignments

Local Gatherings

Southern Gathering:

Lexington Park UMC
2nd Saturday of each month
5:00 p.m. Potluck, 6:00 p.m. Worship

Central Gathering:

Calvary UMC
3rd Saturday of each month
6:00 p.m. Fellowship (bring snack)
7:00 p.m. Worship

Northern Gathering:

1st Laurel UMC
4th Saturday of each month
5:00 p.m. Potluck 6:00 p.m. Worship

In addition to the monthly gatherings, plan to join as a community at Candlelight and Closing of each Walk. In a month when a 4th Day Seminar is scheduled (May & November) we will have one Gathering only at Calvary UMC immediately following the Seminar.

See page 7 for information on a new gathering activity beginning this month.





Fall Walks - 2008 - West River

Men's Walk # 29 - October 30 - November 2

Women's Walk # 30 - November 6 - 9

Make plans to attend the community events for each walk:

Thursday - Sponsor's Hour - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday - Candlelight - 8:00p.m.

Sunday - Closing - 4:00 p.m.

This Week: 08/11/2008

Emmaus Community Stats

42 Weekends in

12 States and

2 Countries

22 Women's Weekends and

20 Men's Weekends



Sign up to pray for
our walks (and others)
online at:
www.3dayol.org

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web at www.somdemmaus.org

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Recurring Events of the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community

Central Gathering: 8/9, Calvary UMC, Waldorf 7:00 p.m. Fellowship 6:00 p.m.

Southern Local Gathering: Lexington Park UMC 8/16 Potluck at 5, gathering at 6:00.

Northern Local Gathering: FUMC Laurel, 8/23 Potluck at 5, gathering at 6:00.

Board of Directors Meeting: 8/16 3:00 p.m. at Calvary UMC



4th Day Seminars

The 4th Day Seminars are held in the spring and in the fall following the men's and women's walks. The next seminar date is November 15, 2008, 4:00 p.m. at Calvary United Methodist church in Waldorf. Attendance at a 4th Day Seminar is required in order to sponsor pilgrims, and highly recommended for those who wish to team.



Southern Maryland Emmaus Community Reunion & Accountability Groups

The Reunion Group Coordinator, Mary Ulrey, would like to hear about any active Groups in Southern Maryland. If you are having difficulty finding a Reunion Group, contact Gordon. Experience the 4th Day feeling with your fellow Emmaus travelers.

Bethel UMC, Upper Marlboro
Co-ed - monthly first Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.

Calvary UMC, Waldorf
Men Tuesday - 7:15 p.m.
Women Saturday - 5:00 p.m. at Panera's

First UMC, Laurel
Men Saturday - 7:00 a.m.
Women Saturday - 8:30 a.m.

Good Shepherd UMC, Waldorf
Men Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
Women Monday 7:30 p.m.
Women Tuesday 7:30 p.m. (not at church
call 301-645-5370 for directions)
Women Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
Women Tuesday 8:45 a.m. (not at church)
call 301-645-6414 for directions)

La Plata UMC, La Plata
Women Tuesday 1:00 p.m.

Lexington Park UMC, Lexington Park
Co-ed Tuesday 7:30 a.m. Bob Evans
Co-ed Thursday - 11:30 a.m. (home setting)

Living Springs Christian Fellowship, Bowie
Co-ed Tuesday - 6:00 p.m.

Naval Air Station, Patuxent River
Men, Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.

Olivet UMC, Lusby
Meets at pastor's house monthly on
third Friday 6:00 p.m.

Shiloh UMC, Bryans Road
Co-ed - Tuesdays 6:00 p.m.

Waters Memorial UMC, St. Leonard
Pastors, Tuesday -1:00 p.m.

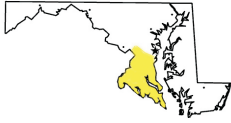
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Deadline for next issue is October 1, 2008. The preferred method of submission is as an MSWord document file or a WordPerfect file sent via e-mail to the following address: dbrennan6@verizon.net Very short articles or notes may be sent in the body of the e-mail message. Please send your comments and recommendations as well to the editor, Dan Brennan, at the e-mail address above.



Southern Maryland Emmaus - Leadership & Service



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Please contact the POC for your church as listed in this newsletter if you are not receiving the newsletter. If your church does not currently have a POC, please prayerfully consider volunteering for that role.



Southern Maryland Emmaus - Leadership & Service

Most Southern Maryland Committees are chaired by members of the Board of Directors, but service on those committees is open to all community mem-

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An Important Message from the Registrar

My name is Donna Young, the current registrar for Southern Maryland Emmaus. The Fall walks are fast approaching: Men's Walk #29: October 30 through November 2; Women's Walk #30: November 6 through November 9. Applications are accepted year round, however, the deadline for receiving applications to be considered for the fall walks is September 13. A minimum of twelve applications is needed to hold each walk. If we don't have twelve applications by September 13, we will have to cancel the walk. To date we have received 4 men's applications and 10 women's applications. If you are considering sponsorship and have yet to turn in the application, you can call me on (301) 218-1257 or email me at dmy_psych@verizon.net to inform me that the application is on the way.

Then mail your application to:
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 Post Office Box 1242
 Leonardtown, MD 20650

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Donna Young
 So Md Emmaus Walk # 10
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A New Emmaus Community in Russia

After many years of prayers and preparations we can now say that our dream has become a reality. We now have a new Emmaus community in Satka, Russia. Fourteen men and twenty three women heard the message of God's unconditional love in their own language. Praise God! The walks were held in camp Zyuratkul (southern Urals, Chelyabinsk region, near Satka), which is translated as "Heavenly Lake" from the Bashkir language.

Brothers and sisters from Estonia joined the small community of Russian Emmaus leaders to become channels of God grace in sharing the great news of God's grace with the new pilgrims. Through personal witness, talks, table interaction, prayer, Agape love and the guidance of the Holy Spirit pilgrims' lives were touch and transformed.

A group of twelve Americans and two Russians who live in the United States flew to Satka to support these walks by serving meals, cleaning facilities, preparing and distributing table Agape, praying for the speakers and the pilgrims, serving as translators, and attending candlelight and closing.

- From the Upper Room





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This is the person to contact for newsletter distribution

***If your church is not listed, please volunteer to be the Prayer POC
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Be sure to check the site often to keep up on the latest Emmaus news..

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money. Make an appointment to talk with the person or couple God has led you to sponsor. Invite them to participate and provide a copy of the application form and the booklet "What is Emmaus". Keep praying. Follow up. When they have committed, provide support to them while they are on their weekend and help them walk through their Fourth Day. Plan to attend their Fourth Day Seminar and a local gathering. You can do it – the church needs you to do it.

Information on sponsorship is available on the Southern Maryland Emmaus website (<http://somdemmaus.org>) and I will see you at Sponsors Hour.

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Mary Ulrey

New in September at Gatherings

You won't want to miss the gathering this September as we will have something new and different.

In place of the usual 4th Day Witness talk, we will be having Agape making parties in preparation for the Fall Walks.

We are asking everyone to bring their agape ideas and materials. There will be tables set up and a chance for everyone to get involved in planning for the Fall Walks.



How to Submit an Article to *On The Path*

As the editor of *On The Path*, nothing gives me greater pleasure than to receive the support of community members through the submission of articles and other material for publication. Not only does it save me from having to find ways to fill empty space, but it results in a much more interesting and timely publication for our members.

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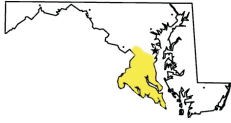
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So, to encourage you to submit your thoughts and to help me keep my sanity, I wanted to share with you a few DO's and DON'Ts to consider when preparing your article for submission.

Thanks to all who help to make this a truly community publication. Dan Brennan - Editor



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"Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?"

Luke 24:32

Information on the Southern Maryland Walk to Emmaus, as well as pilgrim and team applications may be found on our website:
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